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Featured Librarian:

Cindy Peterson

Minden High School

Cindy Peterson had a famous mentor—Mary Lou Kristensen, mother of former Speaker of Nebraska's Legislature currently Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Doug Kristensen. When Cindy started as a library aide for Minden Public Schools, Ms. Kristensen encouraged Cindy to get her media endorsement and take over her job as Media Specialist. So Cindy went to UNK, took classes from John Courtney and in 1992 became the Media Specialist for Minden Public Schools. Cindy says she has learned more on the job than she did in class, and after years of working for Minden Public Schools, her job description is varied and constantly changing. This year she was in charge of the library, the computer lab, the laptop lab, and the distance learning classes. I asked her what she thinks of distance learning and she said the majority of students don't handle the classes very well. Some are too shy to ask questions in that format and others are too undisciplined to take a class with a teacher on the screen. Distance Learning works with the motivated students who don't really need a teacher in the classroom.

Cindy is also in charge of the Public Access channel for the Minden community. Churches list their events and church services are replayed, school activities, sporting events, talent shows, plays, anything people want to



see from the school or the community become part of the Public Access Channel. Another job, Cindy has this year, is to help non-English speaking students several periods during the day. This is probably her most challenging job as the students speak only Spanish and Cindy speaks only English. Many RVLS schools deal with this same challenge, and there is never an easy answer.

Cindy is originally from Scottsbluff where she went to Western Nebraska Community College for two years and then transferred to Kearney. She graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and met her husband who has always been from Minden. Her family still lives in Scottsbluff and she makes the trip frequently to visit. Cindy and her husband,

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Bob, have two children. Her son, Chris, lives in Lincoln and her daughter, Sara, husband and three grandchildren live in Omaha. I forgot to ask how often they have to trade vehicles as they go from one end of the state to the other.



Cindy said she thinks flexibility is the key to running a user friendly library. Since you never know what you will be asked to do by the students, teachers or administration, being flexible is the key. Cindy says she enjoys the variation and likes working with all the different personalities. She wants everyone to feel like

they will be welcome in the library for all their needs. Minden Public Schools has a very supportive teaching staff who make ordering suggestions and use the library for research with their students. The teachers and students also request resources from Interlibrary Loan and Cindy uses the Nebraska Library Commission repeatedly. She is also thrilled NLC has the discounted buys which they offer to libraries across the state.

As we were finishing up, I said do you have any words of wisdom about your library which you want me to include—just then the door opened and Joe Green, English teacher and Standards facilitator came in to talk to Cindy. I said do you have any comments you want me to include in this article and he said: “Cindy is the best librarian there is. Cindy goes above and beyond the typical librarian to help all teachers and students. She does a fabulous job running the library”. I think that pretty much says it all. Cindy Peterson—best librarian there is!

By *Sherry Houston*



2010-2011 RVLS Board Meetings

President -Judy Grandstaff

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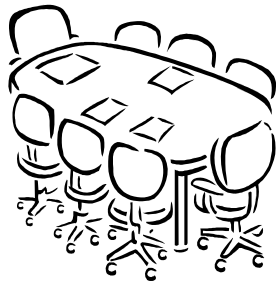
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Nancy Sherwood, and Dana Wade

All meetings begin at 10 am.

Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed!



June 4, 2010—Annual Meeting—North Platte, NE

September 10, 2010 (Location to be announced)

November 5, 2010 (Location to be announced)

January 7, 2011 (Location to be announced)

March 4, 2011 (Location to be announced)



RVLS NEWS

Vicki Casper, Hildreth Public Library Director was elected **Vice-President** of the **Republican Valley Library System**. She takes the place of Patty Hall who moved out of state. Congratulations Vicki. We look forward to working with you!



Superior Public Library has a very famous sculpture as part of their collection. The Rheinhold monkey has been located in various spots in the library, but recently a beautiful case was purchased and the monkey has a proper display. This numbered original was possibly a gift to the library from Lady Vesty although no one is really sure how the library came to possess such a unique and valuable sculpture.

Special Events Calendar

April is National Poetry Month

April

- 11-17** National Library Week
- 12—** National Drop Everything and Read Day
- 13—** National Library Workers Day
- 22—** Earth Day
- 30—** Children's Day/Book Day

May is Get Caught Reading Month

May

- 1—** Mother Goose Day
- 10-16** Children's Book Week
- 11-17—** Reading is Fun Week

RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information:



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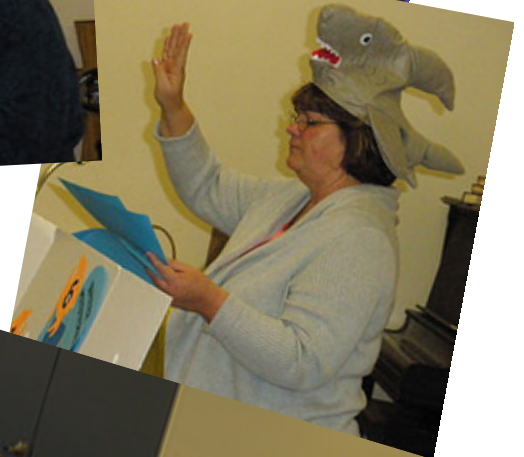




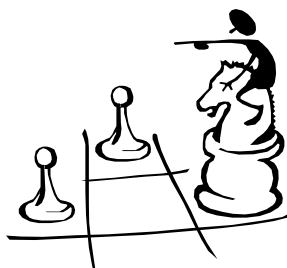
Valley Visits Photos
March 4th



Summer Reading Workshop Fun
March 19th



- It's Your Move



- Communities thrive@your library is the theme for **National Library Week April 11-17, 2010**. Neil Gaiman, author of the Newbery Medal winner, the *The Graveyard Book* is the honorary chairman for this year's Library Week. For more information go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natllibraryweek/nlw.cfm>
- April 15th is the final voting date for the **Golden Sower** award. No votes will be accepted after April 15th. To obtain the ballot and see the criteria for voting go to: <http://www.goldensower.org/nugget/voting/vote.htm> or for general information about the Golden Sower award: <http://www.goldensower.org/> This award honors quality children's literature which enriches the lives of Nebraska's children.
- The **2010 Nebraska Book Awards** program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB), will recognize and honor books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relate to Nebraska. Books published in 2009, as indicated by the copyright date, are eligible for nomination. They must be professionally published, have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and be bound. Books may be entered in one or more of the following categories: Nonfiction, Fiction, Children/Young Adult, Cover/Design/Illustration, Anthology, and Poetry. Certificates will be awarded to the winners in each category.
- Mark your calendar for **NLA Spring meetings** which will be held May 4th in Gering, May 5th in North Platte and May 7th in Falls City. Watch your e-mail for more information as soon as it becomes available.
- College and University Spring Meetings** will be held at UNO Criss Library on May 14th. The theme is The Library of 2morr.O For information and registration see: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2538.html>

Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, **if you want on the schedule please contact us**, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

April 1st, 2010—
Hastings Memorial Library
—Grant, NE

May 1st, 2010—Beaver
City Public Library

June 1st, 2010—Auld
Public Library, Red Cloud,
NE

July 1st, 2010—Available

August 1, 2010—Available

September 1, 2010—
Hastings Middle School

October 1, 2010—Sutton
Elementary School, Sut-
ton, NE

November 1, 2010—
Southern Valley Public
Schools Oxford, NE

If you would like to schedule the Ellison for your facility, please e-mail us at:
rvlsasst@inebraska.com or
rvlsadmin@inebraska.com



On the Bookshelf



The following audiobooks have recently been added to the RVLS Collection:

- ***Split Image*** by Robert B. Parker
- ***Fantasy in Death*** by J. D. Robb
- ***The First Rule*** by Robert Crais
- ***Impact*** by Douglas Preston
- ***The Man From Beijing*** by Henning Mankell
- ***Prayers for Sale*** by Sandra Dallas

New to the Professional Collection

- ***Making the Best of a Shrinking Budget: Creative Practices in a New Economy*** – College of DuPage DVD
- ***Cataloging: Where are we now? Where are we going?*** College of Dupage DVD

A complete listing of our available materials is on our web page nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican under Services

AASL Observes 25th Anniversary of School Library Month

This April the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will observe the 25th Anniversary of School Library Month (SLM).

School Library Month is celebrated in conjunction with National Library Week (April 12-18). Every April school librarians are encouraged to create activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in a student's education career. The 2010 theme is "**Communities thrive @ Your library.**"

AASL officials, local and national dignitaries, held a proclamation ceremony April 1, 1985, on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol, where a senator from New York delivered the keynote address. National proclamation efforts for the first School Library Month, then called School Library Media month, were spearheaded by Lucille Thomas. Thomas and the AASL committee gathered ideas from previous state and local celebrations for school libraries and compiled a 52-page handbook for the first national observance. Read more about the history of School Library Month and this year's activities on the AASL Web site at www.ala.org/aasl/slm



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2010 ANNUAL MEETING
Republican Valley Library System
June 4th
North Platte Community Playhouse
301 E. 5th Street
Patty Birge Room,
(enter on 5th street, not the main theater entrance)
North Platte, NE



9:30 — RVLS Board Meeting

11:00— RVLS Annual Meeting

12:00 — Lunch (on site)

12:45— NE Library Commission Report by Rod Wagner

1:00-1:30— A Portrayal of Annie Cook by Carolyn Clark.

*Annie Cook was the evil woman who ran the poor farm west of North Platte.
Carolyn Clark was featured in the October 2008 RVLS newsletter.*

2:00—Tour of the Golden Spike Tower (no additional charge)

The Golden Spike Tower in North Platte, Nebraska, rises 8 stories above Union Pacific's 2,850-acre Bailey Yard the world's largest train yard.

You'll enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from the enclosed 8th floor viewing area, while the sights and sounds of the railroad below can be enjoyed from the 7th floor open-air platform.

It's a one-of-a-kind experience for railroad lovers of all ages!

Registrations Due: Wednesday: May 26, 2010



Registration Form
Republican Valley Library System
2010 Annual Meeting—June 4, 2010

Name: _____

Library: _____ e-mail: _____

Please send this registration form and \$15 per person to:

Republican Valley Library System
2727 West 2nd Street, Suite #233
Hastings, NE 68901

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What we are reading.....

My book discussion group just finished "**Boy in the Striped Pajamas**", which is a young adult book about the holocaust, concentration camps. Very interesting--told from viewpoint of 9 year old. My granddaughter will read it before they visit the holocaust museum this summer. Will start some very interesting conversations with youth about that period in history! Very somber ending, hear the movie follows the contents of the book pretty well!

Jane Hilton, Director, Elwood Public Library

Just finished "**Born on a Blue Day**" for our reading group.

Pam Soreide, Library Director, Holdrege Area Public Library

Right now I'm reading "**Truck: A Love Story**" by Wisconsin author Michael Perry. A humorous story of small town Wisconsin. "From the publisher: "All I wanted to do," says Michael Perry, "was get my old pickup truck running. That, and plant a little vegetable garden. Then I got distracted by this woman..." Perry reminds me of Garrison Keillor.

Sr. M. Francesca, Hastings St. Michael's

I just read "**House Rules**" by Jodi Picoult. This is now the third book that I've read of hers and find that I almost can't read them fast enough. ~

Tysha Francis, Director, Fairfield Public Library

I just finished reading "**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**" by Rebecca Skloot. I am not normally a lover of nonfiction, but it was riveting. I am going to give you the first two paragraphs in the book's Prologue:

"There's a photo on my wall of a woman I've never met, its left corner torn and patched together with tape. She looks straight into the camera and smiles, hands on hips, dress suit neatly pressed, lips painted deep red. It's the late 1940s and she hasn't yet reached the age of thirty. Her light brown skin is smooth, her eyes still young and playful, oblivious to the tumor growing inside her—a tumor that would leave her five children motherless and change the future of medicine. Beneath the photo, a caption says her name is 'Henrietta Lacks, Helen Lane or Helen Larson.'

No one knows who took that picture, but it's appeared hundreds of times in magazines and science textbooks, on blogs and laboratory walls. She's usually identified as Helen Lane, but often she has no name at all. She's simply called HeLa, the code name given to the world's first immortal human cells—her- cells, cut from her cervix just months before she died."

Susan Franklin, Hastings College

I just finished "**The Graveyard Book**" by Gaiman. June Stratman, School Librarian, Wilcox-Hildreth Public

I'm reading "**Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Children's Book**", edited by Anita Silvey. Notable people tell what their favorite children's book was/is....now I've been rereading some old classics and finding some new ones too!!

It's been fun!! Nancy Sherwood, Director, Auld Public Library, Red Cloud

Hastings Public Library Staff:

"**I am Ozzy**" by Ozzy Osbourne.....Dana Still

"**Wallander**" by Henning Mankell.....Shelia Nelson

"**The Big Short**" by Michael LewisElizabeth Hajny

"**#3 in the Cedar Cove Series**" by Debbie Macomber..... Linda Gardner

"**Love in the Time of Cholera**" by Gabriel Garcia Marquezeverly Whitsel

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting
March 5, 2010 10:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time
Lied Imperial Public Library 703 Broadway Imperial NE 69033**

PRESENT: Tony Anderson, Vicki Casper, Suzann Christensen, Beth Falla, Judy Grandstaff, Jane Hilton, Terri Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Mary Nelson, Sylvia Person, Dana Wade **ABSENT:** Nancy Sherwood

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry Houston (System Director), Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission Representative), Steve Batty (Nebraska Library Commissioner)

AGENDA

Pre-Meeting Chit Chat Topics While Waiting For Our President To Arrive: *THANK YOU* to Beth Falla for hosting the meeting, providing refreshments AND lunch for the group, and for always driving east for RVLS board meetings. Other topics of conversation included McCook interviews, getting flour at the Wauneta Roller Mills (and weird-sounding recipes), Tony's Travelogue, Blue Hill happenings, weather reports from various parts of Nebraska (and how tired we are of winter), and wondering what the heck had happened to Judy.

Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call: Following apologies for being tardy, President Judy Grandstaff called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes (January 8, 2010): A motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2010 meeting was made by Mary Nelson and seconded by Tony Anderson. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were read for scholarships, calendars, Sherry's help with the Ellen Klages author visit, and in appreciation for the RVLS Plan of Service (from Rod Wagner).

Administrator's Report: *[A detailed copy of the administrator's report is in each board member's packet.]* Sherry highlighted the Cook N The Books workshop and the Future of Public Libraries workshop (where the speaker had interesting viewpoints regarding the future of books and text). Board members expressed appreciation for the "What's Coming Up?" portion of Sherry's report.

Financial Report: We are on target for this fiscal year with 59% of our budget expended. NLC may experience an additional 2% budget cut this year which may have implications for library systems. Rod Wagner has indicated that we should know by April about next year's funding. Discussion was held about the inequitable/unequal funding for library systems and the history behind it. We feel that RVLS boards have been good stewards of the funds entrusted to us and have chosen to focus on programs, not personnel.

OLD BUSINESS

Go To Meeting/PC Conferencing: Comments were shared about experiences with the two programs. Sherry felt that the Go To Meeting trial was 75-80% successful. Steve Batty suggested that NLC produce a video on instruction for the programs and post it on YouTube. He also suggested that board members view handouts online in .pdf format as part of an online meeting. Board members appreciated the opportunity to try Go To Meeting but felt that because it is licensed and moderated by NLC, conversation might be constrained.

[Out of Order Agenda Item]

NLC Commissioner Report (Steve Batty): Steve reported on the progress of interviews for the McCook Public Library Director position (which required that he leave the meeting early). Fourteen applications were received and narrowed to four for interviews (three from Nebraska and one from Mississippi). Richard was thanked for his help with interview questions. Steve highlighted NCompass Live webinars and we discussed OverDrive, downloadable books, e-books and the difficulty of finding compatible devices for all. Steve was thanked for attending Library Legislative Day and asked to tell the Commission how much we appreciate Richard's presence at our workshops and board meetings.

Library Legislative Day: All RVLS senators were escorted to lunch and quietly lobbied. Mary questioned the costs of the Cornhusker luncheon. (Richard questioned why the menu never changes.) (Judy's quote: "You have to pay to pander".) Sherry complimented Terri on her timely response to a senator's fiscal comment and highlighted the activities of Library Legislative Day for the group.

One Book One Nebraska: The teen book title is **Unwind** by Neal Shusterman. The book kits for it are already being routed. The adult title is Wright Morris's **Home Place** and book kits for it will be routed soon. Nominations will be sought for next year's choices. The titles must be from Nebraska authors or have Nebraska connections.

Nomination and Election of Vice President: Mary Nelson eloquently and graciously declined our request to serve as Vice President. Judy proposed that Vicki Casper consider the position. Before Vicki could draw a breath to respond, Jane Hilton made a motion (seconded by Terri Johnson) that we elect Vicki Casper as Vice President. Motion carried. *[Secretary's note: I do believe that this is the fastest I've ever seen this board make a decision . . .]*

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Broadband Stimulus Grant: *[Plagiarizing largely from Richard Miller's report]* Nebraska is one of fourteen states receiving technical and consulting assistance through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a funding proposal to the National Telecommunication and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Program (BTOP) for improving broadband access to libraries in Nebraska. About 140 libraries are participating in this project, from which Nebraska could receive in the neighborhood of \$3 million. There are 30 RVLS libraries participating, chosen from the recipients of the most recent Gates Foundation grants and from areas of unserved and underserved populations. Participating libraries took surveys and wrote letters of support for the process. NLC is hoping to hear by September whether Nebraska will receive the grant.

RVLS Workshops/Basic Skills: Sherry highlighted workshops for summer reading and trustees, and workshops in cooperation with UNK and jointly with Hastings Public Library (Karen Hyman, customer service consultant). Terri Johnson reported on the Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Patty Birge Room at the North Platte Community Playhouse on Friday, June 3. Carolyn Clark will present her portrayal of Annie Cook prior to the annual meeting and lunch. In the afternoon, attendees will have the opportunity to visit the Golden Spike for a guided tour. Terri gave options for catered lunches, one of which is a luncheon prepared by Terri Johnson Catering. The board gave Terri carte blanche to decide on the menu and its preparation (even though a couple of us think she's nuts). *[Secretary's note: Having eaten Terri's meals, I vote for her cooking and respectfully request Terri's Cornbread Salad.]*

2010-2011 Board Members: Sherry requested names in the last newsletter and has received three. A school librarian presence is needed on the board. Sherry will send another request for names via e-mail (an e-mail with graphics was requested...).

Meeting Sites 2010-2011: A tentative schedule of dates and sites is as follows:

September 10, 2010	Franklin
November 5, 2010	Hastings (CCC or Mary Lanning)
January 7, 2011	electronic meeting of some sort
March 4, 2011	McCook (community college or public library)
June 3, 2011	Annual Meeting (TBA)

NLC Representative Report (Richard Miller): *[A grateful thanks to Richard for e-mailing his report to board members prior to the meeting]* Richard highlighted portions of his written report (quite hurriedly, as it was getting close to lunch time):

- Teen Tech Week
- NTIA's BTOP Program of the ARRA (see New Business)
- Library Improvement Grants
- Free Webinars
- Public Library Accreditation Guidelines
- Nebraska Book Awards
- Are You UpNext?
- NCompass Live programs
- College of DuPage Teleconferences
- Planning Resources website
- Trendy Topics 2010: Teens and Technology (Lori Bell online workshop/Peoria IL)

MPLA (Oklahoma City): Sherry is willing to drive the system vehicle to MPLA if anyone expresses interest.

Meeting adjourned, 12:17 p.m. Mountain Standard Time

Suzann Christensen, Recording Secretary (For The Next-To-Last Time)

Has there ever been a child who doesn't like Puppets?



RVLS will be ordering puppets from Folkmanis in April.

If some of your puppets have “seen their better days”, and you’d like to have some fresh new puppets to use at your library’s story time, you can find a listing of all the available puppets on the Folkmanis website, www.folkmanis or you can call 510-658-7677 for a catalog.

RVLS has many really cute puppets in stock. We have the **Sea Serpent Stage Puppet**, mini toads and the **tadpole that turns into a frog puppet**, all new in 2010.

You may submit orders to RVLS through **April 19th**.

This is a good time to get new puppets at 1/2 retail price, plus a small (10%) shipping fee.

REMEMBER.....Send your orders to RVLS by April 19th.



2 in 1 puppet



Want to Explore Poetry???

Omaha Children’s Museum received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to participate in the **BIG READ** for students across Nebraska. The poetry of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is the topic of the BIG READ grant. **The Children’s Museum created trunks filled with poetry, crafts and items to study Longfellow’s poetry.** Each system received a trunk and we will loan it to your library or school. Each trunk has teacher’s guides, craft items, even a magnetic poetry board. This is a wonderful addition to a poetry unit or story time. We have enough Reader’s Guides so each student may keep one. **You can check the trunk out for 3 weeks.** It is a bit heavy to mail so we will try to deliver and pick up, if possible. **Please call or e-mail and book the Poetry Trunk. It will make poetry fun!**

RVLS thanks the Omaha Children’s Museum for creating this terrific project for the students of Nebraska and including us in the project.

April is National Poetry Month

Practical Teaching Resources at the UNK Library

Practical teacher education resources are helpful for teachers and parents alike. The Curriculum Collection at UNK's Calvin T. Ryan Library contains some great resources!

Recently added items include:

Good Questions: Great Ways to Differentiate Mathematics Instruction by Marian Small (2009). Written by a longtime professor of mathematics education, the work describes strategies that teachers can use to make math ideas more accessible to all students.

In *Toys to Tools: Connecting Student Cell Phones to Education* (2008), the author, Liz Kolb, looks at ways that cell phones can be useful in the classroom, including lesson plans and resources for the use of technology in the classroom.

Or, how about books about motivating students to learn? One such title is *Teaching Content Outrageously: How to Captivate ALL Students and Accelerate Learning* (2009). In this work, Stanley Pogrow illustrates how to transform standards based content lessons into fascinating activities that actually motivate the student to meet the learning goals.

And, of course, there are many, many more works available at the library related to the teaching and learning, especially at the preK-12 grade levels.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Calvin T. Ryan Library (2508 11th Avenue) welcomes all library users. Any Nebraska resident, 18 years or older, may apply for a special borrower card. Just fill out an application at the Circulation Desk and present a valid Nebraska photo ID. Community members are allowed to borrow five circulating items at a time. What circulates? Most books, books on tape, videos, CDs, and lots of other information resources!

Parking on a university campus is always a challenge! We can help to ease this difficulty by sending you a temporary parking permit, directions, and a campus map with the appropriate parking lots marked. To request a permit, please contact Jennifer Harvey (harveyjs@unk.edu; 308-865-8276) or Rochelle Krueger (kruegerr@unk.edu; 308-865-8819). There is also street parking on the south side and east side of the campus, if you don't mind a little walk! Many of our resources can also be borrowed through your local library's interlibrary loan service.

We hope to see you soon!

By: Jennifer Harvey,
Calvin T. Ryan Library,
University of Nebraska at Kearney

Mark Your Calendar



- April 8UNK Workshop (6 CE)
- April 26, 27Jim Connor Trustee Workshop (6 CE)
- May 4, 5, 7, 14.....NLA Spring Meetings See page 5
- May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20.....Basic Skills
- May 20.....Karen Hyman in Hastings (1 CE) - See page 15
- June 4.....Annual Meeting (3 CE) - See page 7
- June 14, 15Heartland School Library Conference
- September 14, 15.....Carol Fiore– Boys and Books
- October 13.....Black Belt Librarian
- October 14, 15.....NLA/NEMA, Grand Island
- College of Dupage on-line webinars— <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/reserve/dupageflyer0192010.pdf>

2010 Woman's Day Magazine Library Contest

Libraries have until May 9 to promote Woman's Day magazine's newest initiative, "why the library is important to my community." The American Library Association (ALA) and Woman's Day are looking for stories that showcase the importance and value of libraries within the communities they serve.

Women ages 18 and up are invited to send in their stories in 700 words or less to womansday@ala.org. Up to four stories will be profiled in the March 2011 issue of the magazine or at womansday.com.

Librarians can download free tools to help collect local stories from the Campaign for America's Libraries Web site (www.ala.org/womansday.com). Tools include a sample press release and newsletter copy.

A downloadable Web button that can be linked to the official rules on the Woman's Day Web site (www.womansday.com) is also available.

The initiative continues a nine-year partnership between the magazine and ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries that has generated millions of dollars worth of editorial coverage for libraries. Since 2002, Woman's Day has asked its readers to write in about "how the library has changed my life," "how the library helped improve my health" and "how the library helped me deal with the tough economy."

Woman's Day magazine is a Partner in the Campaign for America's Libraries (www.ala.org/@yourlibrary), ALA's public awareness campaign that promotes the value of libraries and librarians. Thousands of libraries of all types – across the country and around the globe -use the Campaign's @ your library® brand. The Campaign is made possible by ALA's Library Champions, corporations and foundations that advocate the importance of the library in American society.

Other Partners include Carnegie Corporation of New York, Disney Book Group, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Univision Radio and Verizon.



FREE Workshop
April 8, 2010
Computer Lab
Calvin T. Ryan Library at UNK

6 CE

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. —11:45 a.m. Morning Session

11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch on your Own

1:15 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

There is a 15 minute break scheduled during each session. Coffee and refreshments will be provided starting at 8:30 a.m. and during breaks.

Morning Session:

Government Documents: Learn how to find government information on the Web. The session will be presented by Government Documents Librarian Diana Keith and will feature UNK's Government Documents web page with links that are useful to public libraries and schools.

Afternoon Session

This presentation will spotlight the use of free web tools that can help transform communications and services to library users. Browser add-on such as LibX and Zotero will be featured, in addition to real-world library applications of Blogger, Wordpress, Ning and Del.icio.us. This session will be presented by Jon Ritterbush, Electronic Resource Librarian at Calvin T. Ryan Library, UNK.

For more information and registration go to: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/flyers/final%20spring%20fling%20flyer%202010.pdf>

Trustee Training and Board Development Workshop

6 CE

April 26, 2010 - Wahoo Public Library 627 N. Broadway, Wahoo, NE

April 29, 2010 - North Platte Community College, 1101 Halligan Dr. #102, North Platte, NE

Presented by: Jim Connor, Trustee College Consulting Team

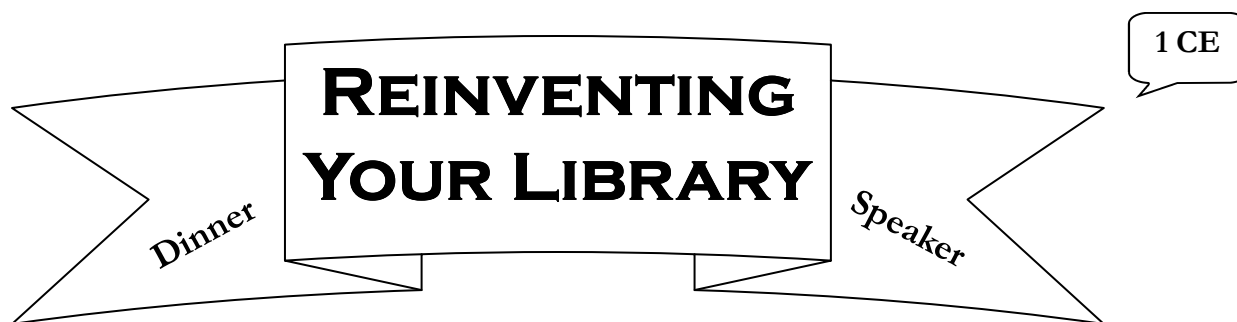
Jim has worked with the US Chamber of Commerce and served as a Trustee for the Jefferson County Public Library (CO). He received the ALA Trustee Award in 2005 for his activities and training for library boards.

Audience: Boards of Trustees and Library Directors

Workshop Goals:

- Trustees will understand their roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will understand the library director's roles and responsibilities
- Trustee will conduct effective meetings
- Trustees will become advocates for the library
- Trustees will recognize and utilize their power as an administrative board

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WHO: Karen Hyman

Karen Hyman has worked in public libraries, as a State Library Consultant, and as Executive Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative where she develops services for 600 member libraries. Her chief inspiration is her role as a library user which "clears the vision wonderfully."

WHEN: May 20, 2010 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hastings Public Library
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